



Distillate Watch

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- Despite increased demand, stocks rose due to higher production and import levels for the week ending May 12, 2000. Total distillate stocks were 96.1 million barrels (MMB) last week, rising by 0.3 MMB over the previous week but 32.6 MMB less than last year. Low sulfur stocks were 62.8 MMB, 0.7 MMB less than last week while heating oil stocks increased by 1.1 MMB to 33.3 MMB. Distillate production increased 0.1 million barrels per day (MMBD) to 3.7 MMBD. Imports increased by 119 thousand barrels per day to 0.3 MMBD. Demand rose 0.1 MMBD to 3.8 million barrels per day.
- Crude oil input to U.S. refineries was 15.4 MMBD this week with refiners utilizing 94.9 percent of 16.3 MMBD in operating capacity.

Distillate Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	04/21/00	04/28/00	05/05/00	05/12/00	05/14/99	04/21/00	04/28/00	05/05/00	05/12/00	05/14/99
East Coast (PADD I)	486	492	401	495	524	248	278	197	210	238
Midwest (PADD II)	829	906	904	888	820	604	698	699	669	618
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,673	1,671	1,603	1,652	1,539	1,191	1,155	1,134	1,124	1,046
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	126	139	135	156	151	97	114	105	125	120
West Coast (PADD V)	515	537	518	514	453	411	384	392	398	384
U.S. Total	3,629	3,745	3,561	3,705	3,487	2,551	2,629	2,527	2,526	2,406

Distillate Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	04/21/00	04/28/00	05/05/00	05/12/00	05/12/99	04/21/00	04/28/00	05/05/00	05/12/00	05/12/99
East Coast (PADD I)	25.2	25.9	25.3	26.3	51.3	12.1	13.4	12.4	12.3	17.1
PADD IX	2.8	2.4	2.6	3.1	NA	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	NA
PADD IY	12.9	13.6	12.7	12.9	NA	5.3	6.1	5.0	4.9	NA
PADD IZ	9.5	9.8	10.0	10.4	NA	5.8	6.3	6.4	6.4	NA
Midwest (PADD II)	26.5	28.2	26.9	25.9	32.7	18.0	19.8	19.0	18.2	22.3
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	27.3	26.5	27.3	27.9	30.4	18.8	18.1	18.9	19.5	19.3
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4
West Coast (PADD V)	11.9	13.0	13.5	13.3	11.5	9.7	10.3	10.7	10.4	8.2
U.S. Total	93.7	96.4	95.8	96.1	128.7	61.2	64.1	63.5	62.8	69.3

* See the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* Appendix A for a description of the derivation of average inventory levels.

For information about distillate supply data, contact the National Energy Information Center at (202)586-8800. Internet: Infoctr@eia.doe.gov.

Source: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* (WPSR). Year-ago production data taken from comparable week last year; year-ago stock data interpolated from final Petroleum Supply Monthly data.

PRICES

- Irrespective of news of a crude oil stock build and an end to an oil worker strike in Norway, crude oil spot prices experienced week-to-week gains. Two contributing factors were the International Energy Agency's prediction for higher than expected demand in the third quarter and OPEC members' statements that a change in production quotas in June was not warranted. Distillate spot prices rose steadily in most markets on the strength of underlying crude oil markets, a report of a stockdraw, and outages of low-sulfur diesel at two refineries in the Midwest. The New York Harbor spot price for low-sulfur distillate was 84.88 cents per gallon on May 15, 2000, jumping almost 12 cents per gallon higher from a week ago.
- The national average retail on-highway diesel fuel price reversed most of last week's loss to close at 141.5 cents per gallon on May 15, 2000, 34.0 cents a gallon more than last year. The California price declined for the eighth straight week to a low not seen since February.

No. 2 Distillate Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	04/24/00	05/01/00	05/08/00	05/15/00	05/17/99	04/24/00	05/01/00	05/08/00	05/15/00	05/17/99
New York	75.80	76.28	72.98	84.88	43.60	81.50	75.15	70.28	79.63	42.40
Chicago	80.05	75.28	74.85	87.25	43.53	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	75.80	71.78	70.48	79.75	41.80	72.35	69.38	68.28	78.75	40.55
Los Angeles (CARB)	85.00	80.50	81.00	80.00	52.50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

No. 2 Distillate Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes*)

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil				
	04/24/00	05/01/00	05/08/00	05/15/00	05/17/99	04/24/00	05/01/00	05/08/00	05/15/00	05/17/99
East Coast (PADD I)	142.5	141.5	140.3	141.4	105.8	<div>Prices Available During Heating Season Only (October through March)</div>				
PADD IX	148.0	149.0	148.2	148.7	110.3					
PADD IY	151.4	150.3	149.7	150.7	114.0					
PADD IZ	138.1	137.1	135.5	136.8	101.9					
Midwest (PADD II)	144.0	142.3	140.0	142.2	104.8					
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	137.1	136.8	135.1	136.1	103.9					
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	145.2	144.5	143.7	144.2	115.4					
West Coast (PADD V)	148.2	147.5	147.4	146.8	123.0					
California	154.0	153.3	152.9	152.6	131.0					
U.S. Average**	142.8	141.8	140.2	141.5	107.5					

Source: Diesel Fuel prices: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-888, On-Highway Diesel Price Survey; Residential Heating Oil prices for PADDs I and II: from data supplied by 21 State Energy Offices (SHOPP prices) from October through mid-March.

* Taxes, if any, are not included in residential heating oil prices.

** Residential heating oil average is for PADDs I and II only.

NA =Not Available.

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